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REPLY TO  
ATTENTION OF:

**SEP 16 2003**

**Airspace Support Division**

Mr. Tony Fazio  
Office of Rulemaking  
Federal Aviation Administration  
HQ FAA/ARM-1  
800 Independence Avenue, SW  
Washington, DC 20591

FAA-2003-13066-4

Dear Mr. Fazio:

On behalf of the U.S. Army request that the Army's 2<sup>nd</sup> Battalion, 75<sup>th</sup> Ranger Regiment (2/75<sup>th</sup>), Fort Lewis, Washington be granted an exemption to conduct unlighted night airborne operations outside Special Use Airspace at Fort Lewis, Washington. Specifically, we request that 2/75<sup>th</sup> be exempt from §§ 105.19 (a) and (b) of Title 14, Code of Federal Regulations (14 CFR) for Rogers Drop Zone (DZ) at Fort Lewis, Washington (enclosure 1). This exemption would enable the Battalion to continue their mission essential task of night jump training, for combat readiness, without the person or object descending from the aircraft displaying a light into Rogers DZ.

Fort Lewis recently renovated the Battalion's customary DZ (Point Salines, WA) to accommodate a new range complex. The requested exemption will enable the Battalion to continue its valuable unlighted night jump training. Rogers DZ offers the longest DZ length and width at Fort Lewis for airborne assault training.

With the granting of this exemption, training and operations would be conducted under the following conditions and limitations:

- a. Operations would be conducted at an altitude of approximately 800 feet AGL, with a jump time of only 15 seconds lapse time for each jumper to reach the surface.
- b. This exemption would be invoked for approximately 40 night airborne operations annually.
- c. Rogers DZ key locations are:

DZ center point: 47 00.98N, 122 27.41W

Personnel point of impact: 47 00.41N 122 27.42W

Rogers DZ lies in Class "G" airspace. Rogers DZ underlies Class "C" airspace controlled by McChord AFB.

McChord AFB ATC (62 OSS/OSA) stated that unlit night airborne operations will have no impact on McChord AFB (enclosure 2).

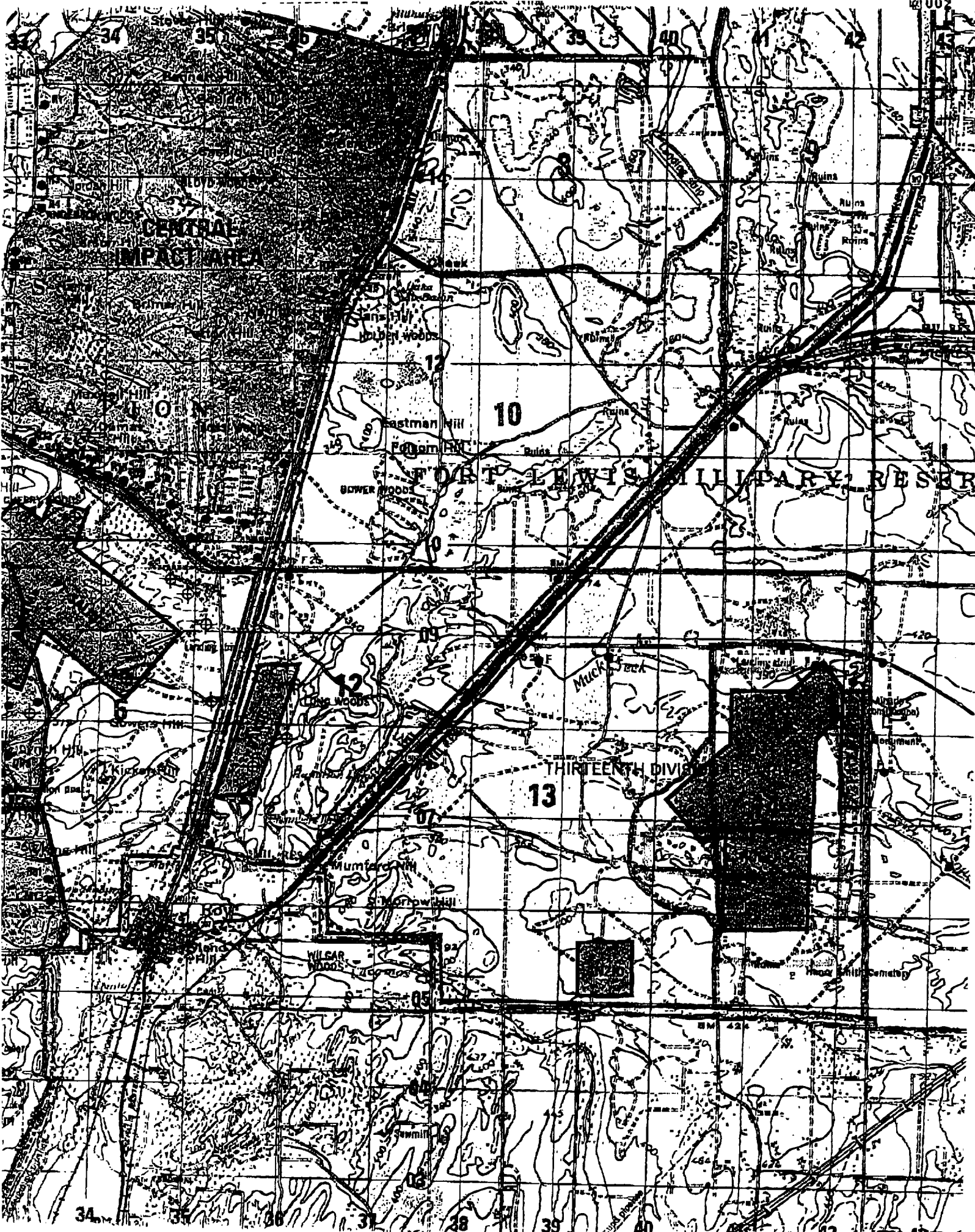
Point of contact for this action is Mr. Wayne Conroy, DSN 656-4865 or commercial (703) 806-4865.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. S. Baker', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

ALLEN S. BAKER  
Colonel, US Army  
Commanding

Enclosures





**DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE**  
**HEADQUARTERS 62D AIRLIFT WING (AMC)**

18 Aug 03

**MEMORANDUM FOR DEPT OF THE ARMY REGIONAL REPRESENTATIVE**

**FROM: 62 OSS/OSA**

Hangar 4 First St, Suite 113

McChord AFB WA 98438

**SUBJECT: McChord AFB Assessment of Night Airborne Operations at Rogers DZ**

1. Unlit night airborne operations at Rogers Drop Zone (DZ) on Fort Lewis will have no impact on McChord AFB. Rogers DZ is outside of McChord's Class D airspace.
2. If you have any questions, please call 1<sup>st</sup> Lt Claudia Gortva at 982-5215.

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**Flight Commander, Airfield Operations**

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